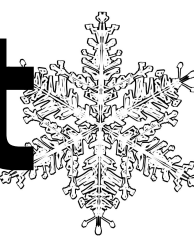


# The Vasquez Post



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## The History Of Vasquez High School

AADUSD was established in 1881 and is one of the oldest school districts in California. The Acton-Agua Dulce Unified School District covers over two hundred square miles. Vasquez High School, itself, was established in 1993, with its first graduating class in 1997. Vasquez is the only comprehensive high school in Acton Agua Dulce School District. Before the construction of Vasquez High, students from Acton attended Highland High School. The student population at Vasquez High ranges from 250-400 students. Vasquez High School first opened on the campus of the middle school in Acton, High Desert, sharing the campus with junior high students for six years until it relocated to its current site in the fall of 1999. Vasquez High School was given its own permanent classrooms, science labs, library, gymnasium, administrative office, additional restrooms, a cafeteria/multi-purpose room, along with other needs and equipment Vasquez High School needs. These additions to the school were due to the passage of the Measure CF project. Vasquez high was completed in several phases. Phase 1 was finished in the fall of 2015 and phase 2 in the fall of 2016.

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## Student of the Month: January

Kristian Tafoya awarded by Mr Ghafourian  
Erick Delgadillo awarded by Ms Hanson  
Carter Detwiler awarded by Captain Krolik  
Mariah Newell awarded by Ms Largent  
Ethan Reis awarded by Ms Lepp  
Cole Keller awarded by Ms Maddux  
Franciso Viramontes awarded by Mr Mangel  
Hailey Honicky awarded by Dr Shadi  
Kris Horton awarded by Ms Owens  
Ruslan Damron awarded by Mr Salsedo  
Adam Wyzgowski awarded by Mr Santa  
Jacob Glen-Wood awarded by Mr Sparks  
Zoe Quiroz awarded by Ms Stilwell  
Ryan Ames awarded by Mr Tabit  
Valentino Orlandoni awarded by Ms Torrez  
Landon McGriff awarded by Ms Waggoner  
Jennah Lee awarded by Ms Walker

Congratulations all student honored with student of the month for January.

## A Rambunctious Roadshow

The RoadShow was filled with excitement from the eighth graders that were brought to Vasquez and are soon becoming a new addition to our campus next year. The Roadshow successfully captured the spirit of our Mustang pride, with decorations displayed everywhere, and our amazing ASB kids hosting and also greeting kids along the way. They also gave the students a tour of their upcoming classes that we offer at our school. There are different classes to choose from, giving them plenty of classes to enjoy and to begin to look forward to next year. Tons of fun was also planned for the eighth graders on their trip with blasting music that filled your ears with joy, a game of tug a war, and amazing cookies that were handmade by yours truly, the Culinary Arts class!

The RoadShow is a great way for our Middle schoolers to find out exactly what high school life can be like. When the students come down and witness what life is like here, we all hope to motivate them to do their best and really take advantage of all the things we have to offer as a campus here.

Booths were also displayed for 8th graders to sign on which electives they hoped for next year. The booths were decorated nicely and had a lot of effort put into them. Each booth had something unique contributing to their elective or club. There were lots of different options to choose from, making it great for them to engage in and also learn about the courses that they can take, including our booth (Journalism), which featured our beautiful previous newspapers that were displayed on our booth. But the most popular booths that caught everyone's attention were the Baseball, Softball, and some other popular sports going on at our campus. Vasquez High did an amazing job hosting our next incoming Freshmen and helping them feel welcomed. Everyone had a great time at the Roadshow and everything was set up well. They played a great role where students can feel excited for their upcoming classes and electives which left them excited for a new journey soon to begin in our Mustang community.

*Article by Shoned Carr*

## Meet Your Staff : Dr Shadi

### How many years have you worked in this district?

I have worked here in this district since 2018.

### Why did you choose to work for this district?

They had a position for a chemistry teacher and I really liked the people that I interviewed with.

### How many years have you been a teacher

I have been a teacher/professor for 30+ years, I've taught high school since 2015 and before that I just taught college.

### If you could choose a career other than teaching, what would it be?

I like being a research scientist but now I predominately teach.

### Why or how did you get into chemistry?

When I started college I was going to be pre dental but my advisor put me down, so I started chemistry class and I aced it! I thought to myself if I like Chemistry, pre dental costs a lot of money, and the advisor has a bad influence on me so I switched majors.

### How many years of experience do you have with chemistry?

I have had experience with chemistry Since 1982, more than 40 years.

### Have you ever had any accidents during your labs? If so, what happened?

A bench caught on fire, Some students spilled alcohol on the chair and it caught fire.

### What is your favorite lab to do with your class and why?

My favorite lab to do with my class is burning cheetos. We do it to determine the amount of calories there are.

### What do you think is the most important lab safety rule?

Your eyes, wearing goggles is one of the most important lab safety rules.

### How is your experience as a College professor?

It is just like teaching adult children, not too different from high school.

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## Thank You!

As you read this all new edition of the Vasquez Post, have you noticed anything different? Something new about the paper itself maybe? The Vasquez Post staff are ecstatic to announce this is the first edition that has been printed with our very own printer. We as a class would like to send a huge thank you to the district superintendent, Dr. Sahakian, and Yolanda McCauley for pulling funds out of the Superintendent's account to help sponsor our new endeavor. Very exciting!

*Thanks from Aeslin Cameron and Mr Mangel*



## Horoscope

### Happy Birthday February

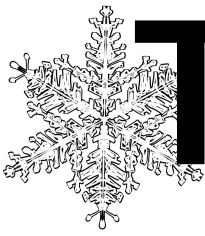
Aquarians! This month will bring some refreshing changes and personal growth. Mercury will be in Aquarius, it will bring a change in your mental focus and connections. You should work on some of your long-term goals. You will see new emotional changes this month.

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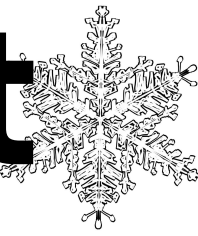
## Weather

The first month of the new year flew by, and is already over. The air outdoors smells fresh. January's weather was a bit strange. It's winter, but it's been feeling more like early spring with the weather. February temperatures are a bit more what we expect from winter, it will be around the 40s and low 50s on average, with the best kind of weather, gloomy and gray. There are predictions of mild, balmy winds that keep the air alive. But do hold onto your hats and hoods. The sun is setting around 5:21, and rising at about 6:51. Ominous clouds plan on covering the sky and releasing a sudden shower, bringing on the cold and chilly weather along with it. With any luck, this February will bring a few more rainy days along with it, and if we have the good fortune we did last year, maybe even a bit of snow?

*Weather by Brianna Covert and Charlotte Hernandez*



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Vasquez High School was named after the Vasquez rocks here in Acton. The Vasquez Rocks Natural Area and Nature Center is a beautiful park here in Acton and has lots of rock formations and movie ties. This center is a great place to have a picnic or have fun with friends. Vasquez High is filled with academically gifted students, but also athletic kids too. Vasquez has a variety of sports teams including: soccer, football, basketball, cross-country, baseball, softball, tennis, etc. Each of these teams have a boys and girls division and a JV and Varsity division. Vasquez is also implementing new elective classes such as Culinary, Construction, Digital Design, and Journalism. Vasquez High is an innovative school and tries to better the students every single day. One of our greatest qualities is the small size of our student population, which makes us like a large family. We all hope to see our school flourish into an even better school in the years to come.

Article by Nico Olmos and Rebekah Bullard



## Sports

Our Vasquez Men's Soccer team has reached the end of their league season with a record of 12-3-3. Our boys team has done a great job right to the very end and we send them our congratulations. They just had their senior night and are on their way to playoffs for CIF. Hopefully they make it far.

02/08/24: Baseball vs Trinity at 3:15 pm  
 02/10/24: Baseball vs Palmdale at 10am  
 02/12/24: Baseball Jv vs Palmdale at 3pm  
 02/13/24: Baseball vs Eastside at 3pm  
 02/13/24: Softball vs Eastside at 3pm  
 02/15/24: Baseball vs Canyon Country at 3pm  
 02/15/24: Softball Jv vs Saugus at 3pm  
 02/17/24: Baseball vs Academy Careers & Exploration at 11am

Sports provided by Valentino Orlandoni

## Why The Bathrooms Are Closed, And How It Affects Students

Ever since the last school year students have had to look for the open bathroom. It is understandable why Vasquez High School has decided to close off the majority of the bathrooms to student use due to student conflicts and smoking. However, this has given students problems with trying to use the one bathroom that is open. When walking in you will find, almost always, that all the stalls are being used. You have to wait in line to use the restroom when there are two other bathrooms that are being left unused because they are locked. Also, if you are in the classrooms farthest away from the 200 bathrooms, having to walk all the way over to the bathroom when there is one so much closer feels like a waste of time. Students who are in class, and need to use the bathroom and then have to walk to the other end of the campus, lose a lot of class time getting there. Opening the locked bathrooms will erase this problem. Yet, opening the bathrooms will open the gate to the same problems we had last year. It would be hard to gain trust back because students have not earned it back yet in regards to taking care of the campus and bathrooms, but giving us the opportunity to earn this "privilege" back should be thought over. It is students' fault for causing the bathrooms to be a privilege because bathrooms should be used for the reason they are given, no other activities. The staff at Vasquez High should reconsider opening of the other bathrooms in the near future. It would help out many things including the tardy rates on campus. Mainly, it would help the students by providing more bathroom options on campus. Students just need to treat the bathrooms better than they have in the past.

Article by Hailey McCarty

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### What is your favorite thing to do outside of school?

I like watching sci-fi movies when I have free time.

### When you were younger, what did you really want to do when you grew up?

I wanted to be a basketball player for the WNBA but that didn't happen.

### Do you plan on retiring in vasquez high school?

I don't plan on retiring anytime soon. I got another 15 years working here.

### If you could travel to any time in your life, what time would you go back to?

When I lived in Australia it was a fun place to live. I loved to be there.

Interview conducted by Alexandria Van Blarcom and Estavan Preciado

## Journalism

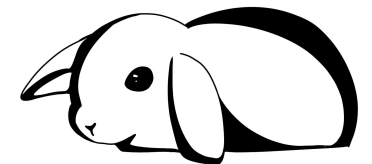
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Your conscious and subconscious will push you to start nurturing your duty to not only yourself but to others as well. Make sure to support yourself and those around you to thrive.

Mars and Venus will also be in Aquarius. Expect shifts in your passions and drives. Mars wants you to pursue your dreams with the support of others. But, you must avoid any sporadic energy that can possibly lead to an accident. With Venus in Aquarius, it will encourage you to start to express raw unfiltered emotions and expressions. You will see how fun and relieving it is to express yourself. In other words, learn to love who you are. It's important to love the people in your life and yourself!

Horoscope by Aida Silva



Art by Eli Flores

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 DOWNPOUR  
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